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1. During early summer 1950 AGFA in Wolfen had to stop the production of color film completely because the firm experienced considerable difficulties with certain materials. So far the basic chemicals were still obtained from Hoechst and Leverkusen but attempts are probably being made to manufacture them in the DDR, apparently with moderate success.
2. Difficulties are also experienced by the Celluloidfabrik in Eilenburg. The plant cannot obtain any constancy in any of its production which involves the use of camphor as basis because the quality of the raw materials varies considerably. Lately a great deal of synthetic camphor was used besides Indian camphor.
3. One of the very great difficulties exists in the production of Perlon. Several new Perlon factories have been or are being built and the output could be increased by about 300%. But Soviet Russia also has a number of Perlon factories in full production. Since Russia has not succeeded in producing the basic material the Russian factories take the complete output of basic material of a DDR factory and none will be available to the German factories.

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